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***JUDICIAL PROFILE***

**Bethany G. Hicks** was appointed to the bench in May 1999. She is currently assigned to the Civil Department in Mesa. Prior to that she served as the Family Court Presiding Judge. Prior to her appointment, she served as a Superior Court Commissioner and a Superior Court Judge Pro Tem from 1993 to 1999. While serving as a Court Commissioner, she handled domestic relations, probate and juvenile calendars. Judge Hicks became the first special assignment commissioner, presiding over both bench and jury trials assigned to her from the Civil, Criminal and Tax Departments. She received an A.B. from Vassar College and a M.Ed in Early Childhood Development from Boston University. After moving to Arizona, she graduated from the Arizona State University School of Law in 1984.

Prior to her judicial appointment, Judge Hicks was a solo practitioner in Scottsdale and Paradise Valley from 1983 to 1991, concentrating primarily in family court cases.

